



CITY of CALABASAS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: JULY 31, 2023

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: KINDON MEIK, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL DIRECTION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE LA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 9, 2023

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests direction from the Council on Sheriff service levels for contracted law enforcement services.

BACKGROUND:

At the June 28, 2023, meeting, the City Council reviewed current service levels provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Following the review of existing service levels, the City Council proposed the following:

- Increase the Special Assignment Community Liaison Deputy from 0.56 to 1.0 (1,001 hours per year to 1,789 hours per year).
- Reduce the motor deputy from 1.0 to 0.50 (1,789 hours per year to 894.5 hours per year).

- Increase patrol deputies by 0.50 deputy service units or 1,460 hours (26,280 hours per year to 27,740 hours per year).
- Eliminate the Community Services Assistant

During the discussion on law enforcement services, the City Council requested that staff meet with Captain Seetoo at the Malibu-Lost Hills Station in regard to the proposed changes. That meeting was held on July 18, 2023. Based on the proposed changes Captain Seetoo expressed interest in participating in the discussion at the August 9, 2023, Council meeting.

Additionally, the Council requested information on the J-Team Deputy that is paid for by the City. J-Team Deputies will present an overview of their roles and responsibilities at the August 9, 2023 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

As currently presented, the City of Calabasas will pay \$5,621,368.01 for law enforcement services provided by the LA County Sheriff’s Department for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Should the proposed changes be implemented, the City would see an increase in its annual law enforcement contract of \$165,415.

At its June 21, 2023, meeting, the Council adopted a budget with a General Fund surplus of approximately \$180,000. The anticipated surplus would cover the costs of augmenting the service levels provided by LA County Sheriff’s Department.

Finally, the City Council asked that the Public Safety Commission have the opportunity to discuss law enforcement service levels in the community. The Public Safety Commission heard the item at their July 24, 2023, meeting. Commissioners concurred with the service levels proposed by the Council and encouraged staff to consider all opportunities for enhancing public safety including the use of private security firms and greater collaboration with HOAs and neighborhood associations.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Provide further direction on changes, if any, to Sheriff service levels for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A: Enforcement Services Service Level Authorization SH-AD 575
- Attachment B: PowerPoint Presentation